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Examiner Hammond,

Please find attached hereto the following document for the above-identified application:

Statement of the Substance of the Interview.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter Medley

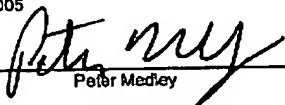
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Brian VICICH et al.	
Serial No.: 10/822,341	Art Unit: 2833
Filed: April 12, 2004	
Title: ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR HAVING A GROUND PLANE WITH INDEPENDENTLY CONFIGURABLE CONTACTS	Examiner: B. Hammond

**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants' counsel greatly appreciates the courtesies extended by the Examiner in the personal interview of April 28, 2005.

Applicants' counsel and the Examiner discussed the amendments to claims 20 and 41 made in the Amendment filed on April 11, 2005. Applicants' counsel explained how amended claim 20 was not taught or suggested by Harwath and how amended claim 41 was not taught or suggested by Korsunsky et al.

The Examiner indicated that claim 41 might be rejected base upon obviousness-type double patenting in the next Office Action. Applicants' counsel indicated that Applicants would probably submit a Terminal Disclaimer if such a rejection was made.

In order to expedite prosecution and allowance of the present application, Applicants would be willing to submit the Terminal Disclaimer if the Examiner requested Applicants to do so in advance of the Examiner issuing a response to the Amendment filed on April 11, 2005.

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The Examiner also indicated that if she determined that claim 20 was not allowable over the prior art she would call Applicants' counsel if she found any subject matter disclosed in the present application that could be added to claim 20 to render claim 20 patentable over the prior art.

Applicants' undersigned counsel greatly appreciates the Examiner's cooperation and assistance with the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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